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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on pre-amend. on 6/23/00.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims **1-39** are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-36 of U. S. Patent No. 6,201,549 since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

A.) Re claims **1 and 19**, claim 25 of patent number 6, 201,549 teaches claims 1 and 19 of the present application (col. 12, line 45 to col. 13, line 2). Claims 1 and 19 of

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the application recite the scope of invention of claim 25 in the patent number 6,201,549. It is apparent that claim 25 of patent number 6,243,099 discloses determining a first polygon on the guideline, determining a first segment in the bitmap brush, and applying a first transformation to a bitmap image because the limitations explicitly teaches determining path points that are closest to the guide line path, determining and calculating an arc-length distance from an origin point on the path to the path point, and calculating the average of all looked-up pixel values.

B.) Re claim **2**, claim 1 of patent number 6, 201,549 claims all the limitations of claim 2 of the present application (col. 10, lines 17-31).

C.) Re claim **3**, claims 4 and 5 of patent number 6, 201,549 claims all the limitations of claim 3 of the present application (col. 10, lines 40-45).

D.) Re claim **4**, claim 21 of patent number 6, 201,549 claims all the limitations of claim 4 of the present application (col. 12, lines 20-32).

E.) Re claim **5**, claim 30 of patent number 6, 201,549 claims all the limitations of claim 5 of the present application (col. 13, lines 32-42).

F.) Re claim **6**, claim 28 of patent number 6, 201,549 claims all the limitations of claim 6 of the present application (col. 13, lines 23-25).

G.) Re claims **7-9**, claim 31 of patent number 6, 201,549 claims all the limitations of claims 7-9 of the present application (col. 13, lines 43-48).

H.) Re claims **10-11**, claim 33 of patent number 6, 201,549 claims all the limitations of claims 10-11 of the present application (col. 14, lines 9-22).

J.) The limitations of claims **12, 19-37, and 39** analyzed as discussed with respect to claims 1, 19, and 38 above.

H.) Re claims **13-18**, claim 6 and 12-24 of patent number 6, 201,549 claims all the limitations of claims 13-18 of the present application (col. 10, lines 46-55; col. 11, line 22 to col. 12, line 44).

Note: Re claim 13, please correct the spelling on page 29, line 15 for the word "thickness."

I.) Re claim **38**, claims 3, 6, 8, 10, and 19 of patent number 6, 201,549 teach claim 38 of the present application (col. 10, lines 35-64; col. 11, lines 6-17; col. 11, line 53 to col. 12, line 15). Claim 38 of the application recite the scope of invention of claims 3, 6, 8, and 10 in the patent number 6,201,549. It is apparent that claims 3, 6, 8, 10, and 19 of patent number 6,243,099 discloses a linearization module, a polygon generating module, and a mapping module because the limitations explicitly teaches the adding step, determining a plurality of normal points along the instantaneous normal lying within the guide line, and mapping a pixel selected from the bitmap brush to the point.

Furthermore, there is no apparent reason why applicant was prevented from presenting claims corresponding to those of the instant application during prosecution of the application which matured into a patent. See *In re Schneller*, 397 F.2d 350, 158 USPQ 210 (CCPA 1968). See also MPEP § 804.

Inquiries

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu-Thao Havan whose telephone number is (703) 308-7062. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached on (703) 305-4713.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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